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LEBANON: More Army Teams to South

Defense Minister Khoury yesterday told Ambassador
Dean that he and the commander of UN peacekeeping forces
had decided to send an additional 16 Lebanese Army personnel to south Lebanon on Wednesday to join UN battalions
as liaison representatives. Eight were sent to the UN
units last week in the first stage of a plan to establish
a Lebanese Government presence in the south before 19
January, when the UN forces' mandate comes up for renewal. Khoury's decision to send more teams this week
probably will anger the Israelis and their Christian
militia allies, who are suspicious of government intentions in the south. The Israelis had been informed
of the Lebanese plans, but they had requested further
consultations before the teams were deployed.

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OVERNIGHT REPORTS

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Iran

Press reports from Tehran indicate that the Shah left Iran today without holding the expected press conference. Just before his departure, the Majlis, Iran's lower house of parliament, gave Prime Minister Bakhtiar's government a vote of confidence by a surprisingly wide margin--149 to 43 with 13 abstentions. The Iranian Senate had given its approval to the Bakhtiar government yesterday.

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Bolivia

According to press reports, a spokesman for the Padilla government last night announced the resignations of 15 of the 18 ministers in the nearly all-military cabinet. The ministers allegedly resigned to give President Padilla a free hand in choosing his team for guiding Bolivia toward a return to democracy. The spokesman said the new cabinet would be named today. Elections are scheduled for 1 July, and reforms to make them more democratic were announced last Thursday. Padilla ousted the more authoritarian Juan Pereda in a bloodless coup two months ago.

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